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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael K. Skinner and Jodi L. Patton

Serial No.: 09/676,052

Filed: September 28, 2000

For: A METHOD OF DETERMINING  
TUMOR CHARACTERISTICS BY  
DETERMINING ABNORMAL COPY  
NUMBER OR EXPRESSION LEVEL OF  
LIPID-ASSOCIATED GENES

Group Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Ethan C. Whisenant

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment to address the issues pending in the  
Office Action dated November 19, 2001 in the previous case.

Please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

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